

I claim:

1. A computer-driven information management system for coordinating delivery of healthcare services to patients via a communications network, comprising:
 - (a) a server including a database configured to receive and store for retrieval data representing information regarding a patient and collected by a coordinating party from an information source;
 - (b) data entry means for permitting said coordinating party to enter the data into the database;
 - (c) a computer communicating with the database via the communications network for processing the data using software downloaded to said server for permitting a requesting party selected from the group consisting of said coordinating party, the patient, a healthcare provider, and an individual authorized to access the data to use the data to coordinate a plan of care for the patient related to treatment of at least one medical condition; and
 - (d) a display device for displaying said data.
2. An information management system according to claim 1, wherein said communications network comprises a global communications network.
3. An information management system according to claim 1, wherein said plan of care

comprises a preselected event selected from the group consisting of an appointment with a healthcare provider, an outpatient procedure, and an inpatient procedure.

4. An information management system according to claim 1 or 2, and including access means cooperating with the communications network for permitting said requesting party to access the data from a remote location.
5. An information management system according to claim 4, wherein said access means comprises a modem.
6. An information management system according to claim 5, wherein the access means further comprises a Web site maintained by a system administrator and accessible by the requesting party for permitting the requesting party to enter the data into and retrieve the data from the database using the software.
7. An information management system according to claim 6, wherein the access means further comprises a preselected password provided to the requesting party for selectively permitting the requesting party to access said Web site.

8. An information management system according to claim 1, wherein said coordinating party is selected from the group consisting of a healthcare provider and a registered nurse.
9. An information management system according to claim 1, wherein said information source is selected from the group consisting of the patient, the requesting party, and a healthcare provider.
10. An information management system according to claim 1, wherein said display means comprises a screen.
11. An information management system according to claim 10, wherein said screen comprises a VGA monitor.
12. An information management system according to claim 10, wherein said screen comprises an LCD screen.

13. An information management system according to claim 1, wherein said data entry means is selected from the group consisting of a keyboard and a graphical user interface including a touch screen.

14. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services to patients via a communications network, comprising:

- (a) providing a computer-driven information management system including:
 - (i) a server including a database configured to receive and store for retrieval data representing information regarding a patient and collected by a coordinating party from an information source;
 - (ii) a data entry device for permitting said coordinating party to enter the data into the database;
 - (iii) a computer communicating with the database via the communications network for processing the data using software downloaded to said server for permitting a requesting party selected from the group consisting of said coordinating party, the patient, and an individual authorized to access the data to use the data to coordinate a plan of care for the patient related to treatment of at least one medical condition; and
 - (iv) a display device for displaying said data to said requesting party;
- (b) collecting said information regarding the patient from said information source;
- (c) entering the data representing the information collected from the information

source into said database using said data entry device;

(d) using said computer to process the data using said software; and

(e) communicating the plan of care to the requesting party.

15. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 14, wherein the communications network comprises a global communications network.

16. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 14, wherein said plan of care comprises a preselected event selected from the group consisting of an appointment with a healthcare provider, an outpatient procedure, and an inpatient procedure for treating the medical condition.

17. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 14 or 15, and including the step of providing said requesting party access to the data.

18. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 16, wherein the step of providing the requesting party access to the data further comprises providing a modem cooperating with the communications network for

permitting the requesting party to access the data from a remote location.

19. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 16, wherein the step of providing the requesting party access to the data further comprises providing a Web site maintained by a system administrator and accessible by the requesting party for permitting the requesting party to enter the data into and retrieve the data from the database using the software.
20. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 18, wherein the step of providing the requesting party access to the data further comprises providing a preselected password to the requesting party for selectively permitting the requesting party to access said Web site.
21. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 14, wherein said coordinating party is selected from the group consisting of a healthcare provider and a registered nurse.

22. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 14, wherein said information source is selected from the group consisting of the patient, the requesting party, and a healthcare provider.
23. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 14, wherein said display means comprises a screen.
24. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 22, wherein said screen comprises an LCD screen.
25. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 22, wherein said screen comprises a VGA monitor.
26. A method of coordinating delivery of healthcare services according to claim 14, wherein said data entry means is selected from the group consisting of a keyboard and a graphical user interface including a touch screen.

27. A computer readable medium including software for coordinating delivery of healthcare services to a patient for treatment of at least one medical condition, said software comprising instructions for:

- (a) configuring a database located on a server to receive and store for retrieval data representing information regarding a patient and collected by a coordinating party from an information source;
- (b) associating a data entry device with said database for permitting said coordinating party to enter the data into the database; and
- (c) associating a computer with said data entry device and the database for processing the data, thereby permitting a requesting party selected from the group consisting of said coordinating party, the patient, and an individual authorized to use the data to coordinate a plan of care for the patient related to treatment of at least one medical condition;
- (d) enabling said computer to cooperate with a communications network for permitting said requesting party to access the plan of care from a remote location; and
- (e) enabling a display device associated with the computer to display the data to the requesting party.

28. A computer-driven information management system for coordinating delivery of healthcare services to patients via a communications network, comprising:

- (a) a server including a database configured to receive and store for retrieval

data representing information regarding a patient and collected by a coordinating party from an information source;

- (b) a data entry device for permitting said coordinating party to enter the data into the database;
- (c) a computer communicating with the database via the communications network for processing the data using software downloaded to said server for permitting a requesting party selected from the group consisting of said coordinating party, the patient, a healthcare provider, an individual authorized to access the data to use the data to coordinate a plan of care for the patient related to treatment of at least one medical condition; and
- (d) a display device for displaying said plan of care to said requesting party.